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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE A PROPERTY OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene intends to designate 131 Main Street as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under section 29, Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990.

Location

Part Lot 9, All Lot 10 East Side Penetanguishene Road, Plan 404

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value

131 Main Street is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism architectural style. The two-storey, square plan building has a Dutch gable roof, red brick envelope coursed in a stretcher bond and a three-bay façade. A substantial veranda wraps around the façade and south elevation and exhibits Classical influences that further define the building's Edwardian Classicism styling. The veranda's contrasting granite stone walls, simple colonettes and engaged piers, architrave, and pedimented front gables over the entrances with cantilevered brackets are all emblematic of the Edwardian Classicism architectural style.

131 Main Street is historically associated with Charles E. Wright, a local butcher, cattle buyer, and municipal official. The house was constructed by Charles E. Wright around 1912 as a private family residence. Charles Wright was born in Penetanguishene and went into the cattle buying and butcher trade, a business which his father, James Wright, was also involved in. Charles Wright's butcher shop was located on Main Street. Charles Wright was also closely involved in local municipal affairs, and served as a Town Councilman from 1889 until 1896, and as the County Warden for the County of Simcoe in 1901.

131 Main Street has contextual value as one of the last remnants of the historic 20th century streetscape of upper Main Street. In the early 20th century, large residences lined the southern portion of Main Street, including 131 Main Street. Presently, this section of Main Street is in transition, containing predominantly modern commercial properties with a handful of these historic residences remaining. 131 Main Street is connected to the historic context and stands as a touchstone of the historic early 20th century streetscape.

Description of Heritage Attributes

131 Main Street is a representative example of the Edwardian Classicism style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflects this value:

- Two-storey Edwardian Classicism building

- Square plan
- Dutch gable roof with triangular window opening
- Red brick envelope
- Segmentally arched openings with two course brick voussoirs and stone sills
- One-storey veranda that wraps around façade and south elevation with granite masonry wall, simple colonettes and engaged piers, architrave and closed pedimented entrances with cantilevered brackets.

131 Main Street is historically associated with Charles E. Wright, a local butcher, cattle buyer, and municipal official. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-storey Edwardian Classicism residence including massing, setback, and decorative details.

131 Main Street is historically linked to its surroundings as one of the last remnants of the residential streetscape that lined upper Main Street in Penetanguishene in the 20th century. The following heritage attributes reflect this value:

- Location on a corner lot at Main Street and Jeffery Street
- Two-storey Edwardian Classicism Building
- Iron fence around property with gate with scrollwork on Main Street

Right to Object

Any person, whether representing an organization or private interest(s), may object to the proposed designation. Notice of objection must be received within thirty (30) days of this notice (April 16, 2025) and must set out the reasons for the objection and be supported by relevant facts. Objections may be served to the Clerk in writing by mail or by email using the contact information below.

The Corporation of the Town of Penetanguishene
 10 Robert Street West
 P.O. Box 5009
 Penetanguishene, ON L9M 2G2
 Attn: Kelly Cole, Director of Legislative Services/Municipal Clerk
 By email: kcole@penetanguishene.ca

Additional Information

Further information on this matter can be obtained at connectpenetanguishene.ca/heritage-designation or by contacting Owen Taylor, Planner at 705-549-7453 ext. 251 or otaylor@penetanguishene.ca.

Dated at the Town of Penetanguishene March 17, 2025.